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Allotment of LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps

149. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA :

SHRI DHARMANNA MONDOYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the category-wise number of LPG agencies and petrol pumps allotted during the last six months, month-wise, general and out of turn basis, separately ;

(b) the criteria followed therefor ;

(c) whether the Government propose to review the allotment ;

(d) if so, when ; and

(e) the number of applications still pending (general and out of turn quota, separately) and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) Letters of Intent for dealerships given by the various oil companies during the last six months are being reviewed by the Government.

(e) No such statistics are being maintained.

Conversion of Manmad-Nanded Railway Line

150. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in conversion of Manmad-Aurangabad-Nanded railway line ; and

(b) the time by which this scheme will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Two works of conversion of Metre Gauge line to Board Gauge have been sanctioned in the Marathwada region.

(a) Manmad-Parbhani-Parli Vaijnath.

(b) Parbhani-Purna and Mudkhed-Adilabad and parallel BG line between Purna and Mudkhed.

In order to meet the transportation needs of coal from Wardha Valley to Parli Vaijnath Thermal Power Station, the project has been phased in the following manner :

Phase-I Manmad-Aurangabad.

Phase-II Adilabad-Mudkhed-Parbhani Parli Vaijnath.

Phase-III Aurangabad-Parbhani.

The work on Phase-I is in full swing and is nearing completion. The work on Phase-II has also been commenced in stretches. The work on Phase-III viz., Aurangabad-Parbhani will be started after the work on Phase-II has been sufficiently progressed.

(b) Phase-I from Manmad to Aurangabad is expected to be completed during the financial year 91-92. For the work of Phase II & III completion date has not yet been fixed and would depend on the availability of resources in the coming years.